

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice and amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A foot-operated input unit (3) for a computer (1), which forms a dictating machine, the foot-operated input unit comprising:  
a processor configured to enable foot-operated input means (24) for  
manually inputting control information input (SI) by which for an audio  
reproduction mode of operation of the dictating machine can be activated (25) or  
deactivated (26);

a headphone or loudspeaker coupled to the foot-operated input  
unit, wherein while, in the case of activated audio reproduction mode, audio  
information (AI) stored from in the dictating machine can be delivered to  
headphones (34) or a loudspeaker;

(32) respectively, and including a connection means (28, 33, 35)  
for connecting the foot-operated input unit (3) to the computer, wherein while the  
control information (SI) can be delivered to the computer (1) by using the  
connection means (28, 33, 35);

characterized

in that a digital data bus link can be connected coupled to the connection,  
wherein means (28, 33, 35) and

in that the connection device means are arranged for receiving the audio  
information (AI) as digital audio data from the computer (1) and for delivering the  
control information (SI) as control data to the computer (1) via using the digital  
data bus link, and

in that the headphones (34) or the loudspeaker respectively, can be connected to  
the connection means (28, 33, 35).

2. (Previously Amended) An input unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein audio  
processor processes the audio information received from the connection and

delivers an analog audio signal for the headphones or loudspeaker respectively, to the connection.

3. (Previously Amended) An input unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connection is arranged for setting up a USB data link.

4. (Previously Amended) An input unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein a loudspeaker is provided and the audio processor is arranged for delivering the analog audio signal to a built-in loudspeaker.

5. (Previously Amended) An input unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein connection is arranged for setting up a digital data bus link over a radio-frequency radio link.

6. Canceled.

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